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I TOOK ADVANTAGE OF MEETING APRIL 29 WITH ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER GLIGA (FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU IS NOW IN YUGOSLAVIA) TO GIVE HIM THE BAD NEWS ON CONCESSIONAL CREDITS. IN PRESENTING THE ASPECTS WHICH PROMPTED OUR NEGATIVE REPLY, I FOLLOWED GENERALLY THE OUTLINES OF PARAS 3 TO 6, REFTEL A BUT COUCHED THEM IN SOMEWHAT BLUNTER FORM IN LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CONGRESS ON AID QUESTIONS SINCE REFTEL WAS SENT. IN PARTICULAR, I STRESSED BOTH THE THOROUGHNESS WITH WHICH WE HAD EXAMINED THE PROBLEM AND THE CONCLUSION THAT NO CONCESSIONAL CREDITS WERE POSSIBLE WITHOUT CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL AND THERE WAS NO LIKELIHOOD OF ANY RECEPTIVITY ON THE PART OF CONGRESS FOR THE IDEA OF SUCH CREDITS.

2. GLIGA TOOK THE NEWS STOICALLY, ASKING ONLY WHETHER THIS WAS A FINAL DEFINITE REPLY OR WHETHER THE MATTER MIGHT EVER BE CONSIDERED AGAIN. I SAID IT WAS CERTAINLY A DEFINITE REPLY FOR NOW AND THAT I COULD NOT CONCEIVE OF ANY UTILITY IN RAISING QUESTION AGAIN UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THERE MIGHT BE AN APPARENT CHANGE IN CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES TOWARD AID OF VARIOUS SORTS. THE NEXT READING
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ON CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES WOULD OF COURSE COME DURING

THE NEW BUDGET YEAR BUT I TOLD GLIGA I WAS DOUBTFUL MYSELF
THIS WOULD REVEAL ANY CHANGES OF SENTIMENT WHICH
COULD BE TAKEN AS ENCOURAGING AS FAR AS ROMANIA WAS
CONCERNED.

3. I ALSO USED THE OCCASION TO CONVEY THE INFORMATION
IN PARA 2, REFTEL B REGARDING RESUMPTION OF EX-IM ACTIVITIES.
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